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2023 Learn Here Heroes gather for a celebration reception October 26 at WSU Vancouver.

Learn Here Project Honors Education Staff and Volunteers

VANCOUVER, Wash. (October 30, 2023) – Regional business and community leaders took a brief recess from their busy work, family and community lives to express appreciation for the region’s quality educational system by honoring 21 exemplary staff and volunteers.

The honors were presented as part of the Learn Here Project, an effort to showcase our educational system and its remarkable leaders to inspire others and attract people and businesses considering relocating or expanding in the region. About 130 community and education leaders gathered at Washington State University Vancouver to celebrate this year’s class of Learn Here Heroes.

“We are so appreciative of those who work so diligently in preparing our students,” said Chad Sessions of Windermere Northwest Living. “Through their hard work and creativity, they are helping prepare our next generation of citizens, workers and leaders, which in turn, helps us grow our economy and community.”

Windermere Northwest Living is joined by the Port of Vancouver USA, iQ Credit Union and the business group Identity Clark County in supporting the Learn Here Project.

Those honored as 2023 Learn Here Heroes include:

INSTITUTION	STAFF	VOLUNTEER
BATTLE GROUND	Greg McKelvey	Hollie Amundson
CAMAS	Ali Coker	Mishele Mays
CLARK COLLEGE	Rosalba Pitkin	LeAnne Bremer
EVERGREEN	Bridget Beaudoin	Karen Harris
HOCKINSON	Hollie Rose	Evelyn Weed
RIDGEFIELD	David Jacobson	-
VANCOUVER	Susan Marino	Anita Jinks
WA STATE SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND	Kandi Lukowski	Jim Selby
WA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF	Alex Garcia	David Born
WSU VANCOUVER	Adenike Otoikhian	Nolan Yaws-Gonzalez
WASHOUGAL	Leslie DeShazer	Jeanie Moran

The region’s educational system is cited by many prospective residents and employers as a prime reason to locate in Clark County.

The Learn Here Project showcases our quality educational system and honors exemplary staff and volunteers, with cooperation from area educational institutions. The project is supported by Windermere Northwest Living, the Port of Vancouver USA and iQ Credit Union. It is part of the Discover Clark regional storytelling initiative created and coordinated by the non-profit business leaders’ group Identity Clark County. More information about the Learn Here Project including stories for each of this year’s honorees is available at www.discoverclark.org/learn.

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